

# THE CHURCH CANDLE JUNE 2024



A Newsletter of the Sayre Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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## FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY – JUNE 2<sup>nd</sup> ...



# FOOD PANTRY

“Food Pantry Sunday” is observed on the first Sunday of the month. Each family is asked to bring a non-perishable food item to be delivered to the Athens United Methodist Church on South Main Street. For May, 74 food items were donated. They responded: “In the midst of your busy day, you took the time to make a difference. Thanks So Much for your faithfulness in supporting our Feed My Sheep Food Pantry through your food collections.” *We give thanks to God always for you. 1 Thessalonians 1:2.*

## EAST CENTRAL DISTRICT PICNIC ...



to be held on Saturday,  
June 8<sup>th</sup> — 1:00 p.m. at  
Squarewood Acres (Formerly Sheshequin  
Campground). (**Camping Event** on Friday,  
June 7<sup>th</sup> thru Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>.)

Hamburgers, Hotdogs, and Beverage provided.  
Bring a dish-to-pass.

Address: 389 Marsh Hill Road, Trout Run, PA  
17771. Please call Denny Welch if you plan to  
attend at 570-529-0235.

# Happy Father's Day

## **Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup>**



## WHERE HAVE YOU SEEN GOD THIS MONTH?

### *June God Sightings ...*

- I see God in the blooming of the trees and flowers in Spring.
- I feel God in the fellowship of women during Bible Study. This time also brings memories of the saints and mentors who have helped me through my journey of faith.
- I saw God in the response of people in our Youth Ministry Training and how we are called to guide the next generation.
- I found God in fellowship with fellow clergy and as a friend called just to share a cute story with me!
- I saw God today in the face of a young man who showed grace, strength and courage during tough times.



## ***PAULA'S PAGE***

Dear Church,

June is here, we are in what the church calls "ordinary time" or "proper time" that season between Pentecost and Advent where the church looks at how God is working in our world. I

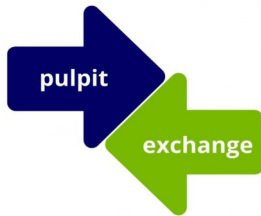
am encouraged by the "God Sightings" listed in our newsletter this month, I hope we can continue to look for and "find" God in our everydayness throughout this summer.



Speaking of Summer, it is camp and VBS season. I am excited to be participating this year at Camp Laurelview during the month of June. I will be an assistant counselor for the Chi-Rho Camp of 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> graders. This is a first for me, so I appreciate prayers. Please, if any of you have children or grandchildren you would like to see go to camp, let us know there may still be time for registration and time for getting help with camp costs. In addition, this year Sayre Christian Church is collaborating with St. John Lutheran and The Church of the Redeemer in Sayre to provide Vacation Bible School. The dates for this school are July 8<sup>th</sup> through the 11<sup>th</sup> from 6 – 8 PM at the Church of the Redeemer, and if you have grandchildren or nieces and nephews that would like to attend let me know. We can gather here at Sayre Christian Church and then take a walk to the Church of the Redeemer [as long as it is not raining].

I am excited for the things we CAN do as a church family, putting aside our notions of age and disability there are many things we can do and accomplish for God. Thanks for letting me be a part of this with you.

Blessings, Pastor Paula Kraus



On Sunday June 2<sup>nd</sup> the East Central District of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in PA will participate in a pulpit exchange. This year

Kathy Hindman of the Covington Church will provide the message for you while Pastor Paula will travel to North Union Christian Church outside of Canton PA for the message.

Please show Pastor Kathy every consideration and our usual Sayre Christian hospitality.

**"Coins for a Cause"** – The Outreach Team invites you to bring your loose change to church. A jar is available for your change on the table by the front door of the Sanctuary. For May and June, we are collecting donations for the Endless Mountains Pregnancy Care Center. Baby Bottles are available to take home to fill with change, cash or a check.

## ***LOOKING AHEAD TO JULY ...***



## ***THE NEEDHAMS IN CONCERT ...***

Please welcome back The Needhams. They will be here in concert on Thursday, July 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Their performance is always fresh, entertaining and inspirational. Admission is free. A love offering will be received for them. Visit [theneedhams.com](http://theneedhams.com) for more information.

Answer to Trivia Question:  
Isaiah 11:2-3—Wisdom, Understanding,  
Counsel, Power / Fortitude, Knowledge,  
piety, and Fear of the Lord.

## GIVING REPORT FOR

**May 2024:**

The following income for our church came from the weekly offering on Sunday and payments from the groups who use our building weekly:

| May — 2024           |            |
|----------------------|------------|
| For Current Expenses | \$5,180.00 |
| Designated           | \$956.00   |
| World Outreach       | \$179.00   |
| Local Outreach       | \$229.00   |
| Building Fund        | \$789.00   |

### A LITTLE



### Question:

Where in the Old Testament are the seven gifts of the Spirit listed?

(Answer on another page in Newsletter)

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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Will be held Monday, July 8<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, July 11<sup>th</sup>;

from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Church of the Redeemer. Kids of all ages are welcome. **“Campfire Firelight: A Summer Camp Adventure with God.”**

### SEED FAITH CIRCLE ...

The Seed Faith Circle will gather on Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at the Barstow House in Nichols, NY. We will meet at 5:30 p.m. in the Church parking lot to carpool. All women of the church are invited to share an evening of fellowship. Please contact Wendy McKeithan at 570-596-4008 if you plan to join us. This will be the last gathering for the season until September.



17 ~ Beth Mattison  
22 ~ Reed Hurd  
24 ~ Toni Shaw  
28 ~ Sandy Campbell  
29 ~ Laurence Kingsley

29 ~ Allan and Janet Frisk



### LET US PRAY ...

Ric Rava  
Michael Spencer  
Brett Lattimer



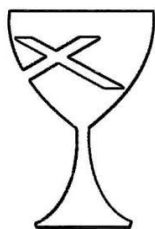
WITH DEEPEST  
*Sympathy*

The Church offers our sympathy to the family and friends of Don “Tiger” Johnson, who passed away on Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Celebration Sunday** will be held on June 30<sup>th</sup> following the Worship Service. Everyone who is observing a birthday or an anniversary in June will be honored. Please bring a dish-to-pass, to share.



**from The Bridge for all of the contributions for “The Kids At Risk”**



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***JUNE 2024***

***UPCOMING DATES FOR JUNE ...***

- 2 - Pulpit Exchange Sunday
- 2 - Food Pantry Sunday
- 4 - Healing Prayer Service at 7:00 p.m. / Sanctuary
- 5 - Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.
- 8 - ECD Picnic at 1:00 p.m.
- 11 - Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
- 12 - Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.
- 15 - Pastor Paula at Camp Laurelview thru June 22<sup>nd</sup>
- 16 - Rev. James Donahoo and Worship Leader Sue Hurd
- 16 - ***Father's Day***
- 18 - Seed Faith Circle Dinner Out at 6:00 p.m. The Barstow House
- 19 - NO Bible Study
- 26 - Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.
- 30 - Celebration Sunday / bring a dish-to-pass.
- 30 - Worship Service at the Athens Healthcare & Rehab Center at 1:00 p.m.

**SUMMER  
TIME  
STARTS**

***Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup>  
First Day of Summer***

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